assistance to revive agriculture in Northern Sri Lanka. About 20,000 agricultural starter packs have been donated by India for IDP families resettling in the North.

(c) Sri Lankan Government have welcomed India's assistance towards the rehabilitation of IDPs. Further, Sri Lankan Government agreed to resettle the bulk of the IDPs to their original places of habitation in 180 days.

Hyderabad as a hub for Haj Pilgrims

804. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware that Hyderabad is becoming a hub for Haj Pilgrims from South India;

(b) if so, whether there are any plans before his Ministry for constructing a separate and permanent Haj Terminal, in coordination with the Ministry of Civil Aviation, with all facilities existing at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport for Hajis;

(c) whether any request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in his Ministry in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereon and action that has been contemplated or proposed to contemplate in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SHASHI THAROOR): (a) No. As per information available with the Government only three Airports *viz.* Delhi, Kolkata and Kozhikode are functioning as hubs for Haj pilgrims.

(b) and (c) The Ministry had received a request from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for grant of Rs. 10 crores for construction of a separate Haj terminal in the existing Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad.

(d) As the Ministry of External Affairs does not have any provision for the grants for construction of airports and the subject matter does not fall within its purview, no further action on the request is contemplated by this Ministry.

Education and employment to slum dwelling children

†805. SHRI GANGA CHARAN: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Government's plan to provide education and employment to slum-dwelling children, if not, reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government is not of the opinion that slum dwellers lead a life of hell with no education, health services and their houses looking like pile of rubbish;

(c) if so, the efforts being made to improve it by Government;

(d) if so, detailed reasons thereof; and

(e) whether Government have any plan to build houses for slum dwellers?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.